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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron Four Six two

LtCol Ronald E. NELSON

Executive Officer

Maj David H. ANDERSON

Operations Officer

Maj Chester L. WHIPPLE

Aircraft Maintenance Officer

Maj Billy J. KAHLER

2. LOCATION

Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF Pacific
FPO San Francisco California 96602

1Nov - 30Nov 1968

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
52	153	1	0 November

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS

None

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November HMM-462 logged 1028.9 flight hours, transported 11,175,000 pounds of cargo and 8517 troops, marking the second month in a row in which it compiled more than 1000 flight hours and lifted in excess of 10,000,000 pounds of cargo. The squadron also evacuated ninety priority medevacs and lifted fifteen aircraft (TAR). Over 750 flight hours were logged in support of the Third Marine Division in the Northern I Corps sector. HMM-462 participated in five major operations: Scotland II, LANCASTER, Jeb Stuart, Napoleon-Saline, and Meade River. This support was accomplished with twelve aircraft assigned. On 5 November the squadron transported 314.0 tons of cargo in a single flying day. On 10 November, 64 first award air medals were presented to squadron pilots and crew members in recognition of their achievements since arriving in the republic of Vietnam.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL: On 20 November 1968 HMH-462 joined fifteen personnel from HMH-463.
2. ADMINISTRATION: No significant events.
3. CIVIC ACTION: The Phu Lung School was supported through HMH-462's donation of about one hundred school kits and several cases of food products.

Twelve visits were made to Phu Lung and four visits were made to the Kim Lung orphanage in Hue. A total of 150 children were taken on tours of historical sites of the city. One phonograph and several records were donated and eight swings were repaired. HMH-462 expended 22.6 man-days while donating \$389.00 to Civic Action during November.

4. AWARDS: On 10 November 1968, Col. Matheson, MAG-36 Group Commander, presented sixty-four squadron members their first air medals for meritorious aerial achievement while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. These were the first awards earned by the squadron since entering country.

5. INTELLIGENCE: No Significant events.

6. AIR OPERATIONS: During the month of November HMH-462 flew 1028.9 flight hours, completed 3855 sorties, lifted 5587.5 tons and transported 8517 troops. Squadron pilots logged 73.7 hours actual instrument time. A breakdown of air operations for the month consists of:

<u>UNITS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	<u>TONS HUNDRED</u>	<u>TROOPS CARRIED</u>
1st MAR DIV	75.7	222	125	274.4	461
3rd MAR DIV	769.3	3272	2253	5092.9	7087
III MAF	170.3	327	293	200.0	655
OTHER	13.6	34	26	20.2	314

7. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN:

a. <u>Operation</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Scotland II	2570	4824	3686.0	582.5
Lancaster	437	987	542.5	89.0
Jeb Stuart	71	217	0	14.6
Napolean-Saline	43	78	33.2	14.6
Meade River	42	217	11.5	23.3

b. During the month of November, HMH-462 flew 15 tactical aircraft recovery (TAR) missions, transporting 9 UH1E's, 4 UH34D's, 1 CH-46D, and 1 OLB.

c. HMH-462 evacuated 90 U.S. soldiers in twelve priority medevac missions during November.

d. On 5 November HMH-462 lifted 314.0 tons, completing 265 sorties and 178 tasks in 45.8 hours, with 468 troops carried.

8. LOGISTICS. No significant events.

9. MAINTENANCE. HMH-462 had 12 aircraft assigned during the month of November. The number of hours for operational ready time totaled 4,117.1, and hours for NORS exceeded 1500.